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### UM NARROWS SEARCH FOR BROADCAST MEDIA CENTER DIRECTOR

#### MISSOULA --

The national search for a director for The University of Montana's Broadcast Media Center has yielded four finalists, and interested citizens will have the opportunity to meet all four at public forums this month.

Finalists, chosen from a field of 32 applicants, are: John Beabout, director of Eastern Illinois University's Radio and Television Center; Kenneth Jarvis, director of public affairs for the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Surface Warfare Division; Avon Killion, assistant director for television and radio at Florida State University; and William Marcus, acting director of UM's Telecommunications Center, which is in the process of a name change to Broadcast Media Center.

Each finalist will spend two days meeting with varied campus and community groups. Public forums, all held in Journalism Room 304, are scheduled: Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 3:15 p.m. for Killion; Friday, Jan. 19, at 2 p.m. for Beabout; Monday, Jan. 22, at 3:15 p.m. for Jarvis; and Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 3:15 p.m. for Marcus.

Killion has worked since 1994 at Florida State, where he is the executive in charge of all local, regional and national radio and television productions. Earlier, he was assistant station manager for KBTC TV at Bates Technical College in Tacoma, Wash.; program manager for Front Range Broadcasting in Denver; director of broadcasting for KCTS TV, Seattle; and program

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services manager for KTEH TV in San Jose, Calif. He holds a master's degree in radio and television from the University of Illinois.

Beabout has headed the Radio and Television Center at Eastern Illinois University since 1981, and also serves as general manager of WEIU radio and TV. Earlier, he chaired the telecommunications department and directed television services for Pennsylvania's Kutztown State College; produced instructional television at Purdue University in Indiana; and served as production manager of the Television Center at Rochester Institute of Technology. He holds a master's degree in radio and television from Ohio University.

Jarvis was executive director of West Virginia Public Broadcasting before he was recalled to active duty as a senior public affairs adviser for the U.S. Navy in 1994. He has also served as general manager of West Virginia public television station WNPB-TV; as TV station manager and adjunct faculty member at Central Texas College; and as TV program manager and visiting assistant professor of mass communications at Texas Tech University. He holds a master's degree in instructional television from Brigham Young University.

Marcus, a University employee since 1974, has been acting director of the Telecommunications Center since 1993. Earlier, he served as operations director of the center and KUFM Radio; as production, development and promotion director for KUFM; and as a producer and acting news director for the public radio station. He hosts UM's "Backroads of Montana" television series and teaches radio production courses. He holds a bachelor's degree in radio-television from UM.

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